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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Termination of quarantine against Cuban ports.

[Department Circular No. 74, 1907. Bureau of Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, December 13, 1907.

To national, State, and local quarantine officers, collectors of customs, shipowners and agents, and others concerned:

The season of close quarantine against Cuban ports at Southern ports in the United States will terminate December 15, 1907.

GEO. B. CORTELYOU, *Secretary.*

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Status of plague—Plague-prevention work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

December 11. One new case of plague was confirmed by bacteriological examination, a Californian, who died December 8. Total cases of plague to date, 113; total deaths, 68.

December 13. One new case of plague bacteriologically confirmed to-day, a Mexican. Thirteen cases, clinical diagnosis, one fatal, have been taken up on the report as plague. Total cases of plague bacteriologically verified to date, 114; total deaths from plague, 69.

December 17. One new case of plague confirmed to-day, a Japanese who died December 9. Total bacteriologically confirmed cases to date, 115; cases clinically verified, 13; total deaths from plague to date, 70.

Doctor Blue further reports plague-prevention work at San Francisco carried out during the week ended December 7:

Sick inspected.....	70
Plague cases found.....	2
Dead inspected.....	9
Plague, among dead inspected.....	1
Premises inspected.....	7, 189
Houses disinfected.....	107

Houses destroyed.....	3
Nuisances abated.....	355
Rats found dead.....	377
Rats trapped.....	2, 289
Bounty rats received.....	2, 289
Poisons placed.....	388, 712
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	798
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	10
Contacts inspected.....	53
Blocks covered with Danysz's virus.....	1154
Square blocks cleaned.....	16

Plague prevention work at Oakland, Point Richmond, and Emeryville, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, November 25 and December 2 and 10:

Antiplague operations in Oakland, Cal.

WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 23.

Sick inspected.....	305
Dead inspected.....	45
Premises inspected.....	3, 319
Houses disinfected.....	13
Nuisances abated.....	328
Rats found dead.....	80
Rats trapped.....	772
Poisons placed.....	45, 970
Notices served.....	96
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	16
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	0
Bounty rats received.....	176
Ships inspected.....	40
Ships disinfected.....	3
Certificates signed.....	10

WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 30.

Sick inspected.....	270
Dead inspected.....	37
Premises inspected.....	2, 450
Houses disinfected.....	8
Nuisances abated.....	202
Rats found dead.....	63
Rats trapped.....	1, 682
Bounty rats received.....	98
Poisons placed.....	34, 014
Notices served.....	100
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	8
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	1
Ships examined.....	31
Ships fumigated.....	17
Certificates signed.....	11

WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 7.

Sick inspected.....	291
Dead inspected.....	43
Premises inspected.....	2, 538
Houses disinfected.....	7
Nuisances abated.....	311
Rats found dead.....	113
Rats trapped.....	2, 063
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	13
Squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	2